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IMMEDIATE SANTIAGO

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2. FOLLOWING IS HIS MESSAGE AS CLOSE TO VERBATIM AS WE CAN MAKE  
IT:

"ALTHOUGH MUCH WAS PROMISED AND NOTHING WAS DONE SO FAR, HIS  
GROUP ASKS THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO REQUESTS BE FULFILLED IMMEDIATELY:

A. PASS TO ALL POSSIBLE NEWS MEDIA INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CHILE  
THAT THERE WAS A MILITARY MOVEMENT TO STAGE A COUP AGAINST  
ALLENDE. THE CONSPIRACY WAS PENETRATED BY THE COMMUNISTS. ALLENDE  
MOVED TO HALT ANY POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST HIM BY REACHING  
AN AGREEMENT WITH ALESSANDRI ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER.

AFTER ALLESANDRI MADE A STATEMENT SUPPORTING ALLENDE, THE COMMUNIST  
PRESS BEGAN A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN TO PREPARE THE PEOPLE OF CHILE  
FOR SOME DRAMATIC MOVE BY THE RIGHT IN ITS EFFORT TO BLOCK ALLENDE  
FROM THE PRESIDENCY. ONCE THIS IDEA WAS WIDELY SPREAD, THE  
COMMUNISTS ANTICIPATED THE RIGHTIST ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP GENERAL  
SCHNEIDER AND CARRIED OUT A DELIBERATE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT,  
KNOWING THAT THE RIGHTISTS WOULD BE BLAMED. IT IS THE DESIRE OF

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THE GROUP THAT THESE FACTS BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE OF CHILE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

B. THE GROUP ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE ABOVE BE PASSED "BY THE EMBASSY OR BY THE MILITARY ATTACHE" TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IMMEDIATELY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE DURING THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT: THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE MINISTER OF HACIENDA, AND THE INTENDENTE OF SANTIAGO.

3. ABOVE TWO REQUESTS ARE ONLY ONES NOW THAT THE GROUP WANTS TO SEE FULFILLED "BASED ON YOUR PROMISES". AT A LATER DATE THE GROUP WILL PROBABLY REQUEST FINANCIAL AID IN RESETTLING THOSE OF THE GROUP WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE CONSPIRACY AND WHO WILL HAVE TO LEAVE CHILE, ACCORDING TO SUBJECT.

4. SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT HIS REQUEST WOULD BE PASSED TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN A POSITION TO ACT. SINCE WE WERE ONLY A COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL WE COULD MAKE NO COMMENTS EITHER ON THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS REQUESTS OR ABOUT WHEN OR EVEN IF A DECISION WOULD BE REACHED.

5. [REDACTED]  
DID NOT GIVE HIS NAME AND WE DID NOT ASK FOR IT. WE GAVE NO NAME TO HIM. SUBJECT HAS MEANS OF RECONTACTING US THROUGH [REDACTED]

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AND WILL PROBABLY DO SO.

6. SUBJECT SAID HE INTENDED CONTACT 22 OCTOBER BUT WAS STUCK IN

7. [REDACTED]

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